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DCR'S "ARTISTS IN THE PARKS" EXHIBIT SHOWCASES WORK BY DISABLED ARTISTS

A Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) art exhibit at the State House this month will showcase the work of a number of disabled artists who drew their inspiration from visiting Massachusetts state parks.

The May 19-May 23 exhibit in the 4th floor Grand Staircase Hall of the State House will include paintings, poetry, photography, sculpture and more by 14 artists chosen from a larger pool of applicants. A public reception for the artists will be held at the State House on Friday May 23, noon to 3 p.m. The exhibit and reception are both free.

"The work these artists have created is a stunning tribute to the beauty and inspiration of our parks," said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. "I am in awe of their talents."

Last year, DCR was awarded a \$4,500 ADA Cultural Access grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and VSA Arts of Massachusetts for this project. Among the parks represented in the show are the Middlesex Fells Reservation; Quabbin Reservoir Watershed; Mount Sugarloaf State Reservation in Deerfield; Mount Washington State Forest in Mount Washington; Savoy Mountain State Forest in Florida; Pittsfield State Forest in Pittsfield; Walden Pond State Reservation in Concord and Lincoln; Pilgrim Memorial State Park in Plymouth; Blue Hills Reservation in Milton and Canton; Charles River Reservation in Boston and Cambridge; Scusset Beach State Reservation in Sandwich; Mount Tom State Reservation in Holyoke; Borderland State Park in Sharon, Mansfield, and North Easton; Connecticut River Greenway State Park in Northampton; Holyoke Heritage State Park in Holyoke; and Great Brook Farm State Park in Carlisle.

An electronic catalog of the exhibit will be placed on the DCR and VSA Arts of Massachusetts websites after the show. The art show will be handicapped accessible; the accessible entrance is the Ashburton Park entrance off Bowdoin Street. ASL interpreters will be available at the reception. To view the exhibit online after May 23, visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

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Here are details of the show:

“Artists in the Parks”

4th floor Grand Staircase Hall

State House

Monday-Thursday, May 19-May 23

10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day

Artists reception

Friday, May 23

Noon-3 p.m.

4th floor Grand Staircase Hall

State House

At the reception, members of the public will be able to meet the artists, who are listed here with the parks that inspired them:

John Bamberger, Amherst: Surreal Photography

Mount Washington State Forest

Ron Benoit, Hadley: Watercolor

Mount Tom Reservation, Quabbin Reservoir Watershed

Barbara Breuer, Hadley: Watercolor

Mount Sugarloaf, Mount Tom

Lisa Chiango, Billerica: Photography

Great Brook State Park

Elizabeth Colburn-Moraites, Medford: Pastel, Watercolor

Middlesex Fells Reservation

T. Lynn Dann, Jamaica Plain: Mosaic

Chestnut Hill Reservation, Stony Brook Reservation, Hammond Pond Reservation

Roon Das, Mansfield: Acrylic

Borderland State Park

Kate Hegarty, Everett: Rapidograph Pen

Middlesex Fells Reservation

Ted Hinman, Greenfield: Sculpture
Pilgrim Memorial State Park, Plymouth

Paifang Lin, Lexington: Watercolor, Paper Sculpture
Boston Common, Public Garden

Jenny Naylor, Marblehead: Photography
Maudsley State Park, Scusset Beach Reservation

Lorna Ritz, Amherst: Cray-pas oil crayon
Mount Holyoke Range State Park

Martina Robinson, Belchertown: Poetry
Quabbin Reservoir Watershed, Chicopee State Park, Holyoke Heritage State Park, Connecticut
River Greenway State Park, Norwottuck Rail Trail

Joseph Superchi, Athol: Photography
Quabbin Reservoir Watershed

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The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, and dams, in addition to 278 bridges and miles of roadways. Led by Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr., the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Contact us at mass.parks@state.ma.us.